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REMARKS**Amendments to the specification:**

Several paragraphs of the specification are amended to correct translation errors. This is done only to make the specification more readily understandable to readers. No new matter is entered.

Furthermore, in all instances, the term "Internet protocol" is amended to "Internet protocol (IP) address" (a.k.a. IP number). Since this incorrect usage of "Internet protocol" was coupled with correct usage of "port address", and since an "IP address" is a type of port address, this change introduces no new matter.

Reconsideration of the amended paragraphs is respectfully requested.

Claim amendments:

Claims 1-8 are cancelled. Claims 9-13 are introduced in replacement. This is done merely to address the 35 U.S.C. 112 rejections as efficiently as possible. No new matter is entered.

Consideration of new claims 9-13 is respectfully requested.

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Rejection of claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph,
re: narrative form:

New claims 9-13 are in proper form and resolve this issue.

Rejection of claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph,
re: indefiniteness:

New claims 9-13 resolve the problems with the terms "calling party" and "receiving party" such that these terms are no longer necessary. Moreover, the specification is amended, as mentioned previously, to also clarify this.

Regarding the issue of Internet protocols, new claims 9-13 use the originally intended term "IP address". See Amendments to specification section above.

Rejection of claims 2-4, 6 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph,
re: written description requirement:

New claims 9-13 resolve this issue. The limitations mentioned by the examiner have been removed or reworded so as to be supported by the specification.

Rejection of claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lor (US 6,201,562):

Lor does not teach or suggest all limitations of new claims

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9-13. Specifically, Lor does not teach "a control module unit connected with the transmission lines for communicating analog audio transmissions over the PSTN" as recited in claim 9.

Referring to Lor's Fig. 6, the IPVPA (video phone) 601 is only connected to other devices through the ADSL modem 602. This is also shown in Fig. 4, wherein the network interface unit 410 is the only device providing for outside communication. In Lor's IPVPA 601, even voice transmissions are packetized for digital transmission (see col. 8, lines 38-56).

Nor does Lor teach that "the control module unit transmits the obtained identifying address to the other video telephone," over the established non-ADSL telephone connection, as in claim 9. Referring to col. 7, lines 24-30, Lor teaches establishing an ADSL Internet connection to an Internet protocol telephony gateway (IPTG) 605 in order to place a telephone call. So, in Lor's device the ADSL connection is essential to all communication (audio and video), whereas in the claimed invention, an established normal telephone connection (audio) allows the making of an ADSL connection (video).

In essence, the claimed video telephone communicates the obtained identifying address (i.e. IP/port address) to another like video phone, so that the ADSL connection between the two video phones can be established. Since this is necessarily performed before the ADSL connection is established, it is done without use of the ADSL connection.

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In view of this, consideration of new claims 9-13 over Lor is requested.

Rejection of claims 5-8 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lor in view of Hsieh et al. (US 5,969,750);

Please refer to argument in above section.

Sincerely,

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